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The FIZZ

The Weekly Newsletter of The Rotary Club of
Champaign
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Birthdays

JT Barnhart
March 5th
Zach Wetherell
March 8th
Jay Downey
March 16th
Patrick Kovar
March 17th
Kip R. Pope
March 18th
Willie G Comer Jr
March 23rd
Dana Schaumburg
March 25th
Jeff Fullilove
March 27th
E. Richard Ensrud
March 28th
Bill Whitman Jr.
March 28th
Bruce Hutchings
March 29th

Wedding Anniversaries

Ashley Dye
March 4th
Tim Bannon
March 24th

Events

March 4th, 12:00-1:00 PM

Big Ten Basketball

Location: Holiday Inn Champaign, and online,
via Zoom

March 25th, 12:00-1:00 PM

Champaign Public Library and The Studio

Location: Holiday Inn Champaign, and online,
via Zoom

March 11th, 12:00-1:00 PM

Project SMART

Location: Holiday Inn Champaign, and online,
via Zoom

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March 4: Big Ten Basketball

Stephen Bardo is a college basketball and NBA analyst for the Big Ten Network and FS1. During his playing career, he was a point guard for the University of Illinois during the Flying Illini era, which saw the team reach the Final Four in 1989. He had a 10-year professional basketball career that featured NBA stops in Detroit, Dallas, and San Antonio, as well as in France, Italy, Japan, Spain and Venezuela.

NOTE: This meeting is expected to take place in-person at the Holiday Inn Champaign. It will also be offered online, via [Zoom](#).



Stephen Bardo (Source: [Fox Sports](#))

March Social: Illini Women's Basketball

March Rotary Social Illinois Women's Basketball



Illinois vs. Nebraska
Sunday March 3 at 2 p.m.
State Farm Center
Tickets are \$4 each



Rotary purchased 50 tickets for a reserved 100 level section at State Farm Center.

To claim tickets please email Gina_Scarpetta@gmail.com and tell her how many tickets you want to purchase. If you claim tickets, you are responsible for payment. Online Venmo payments and cash payments accepted.

Purchased tickets will be distributed at the Feb. 19 and Feb. 26 Champaign Rotary meetings.

Pay online via Venmo
@Gina-Scarpetta
or scan code to right



Eastern Illinois Foodbank Community Service Project



The Champaign Rotary Club will be participating in the Eastern Illinois Foodbank (EIF) Community Repack on March 12. When EIF receives food in bulk, they rely on volunteers to repackage that product into smaller portions for our agencies to give out to individuals and families facing food insecurity.

If you are interested, please sign up for any of the hourly shifts that work for you using the website link included below. This repack will be held at our Volunteer Center, located directly north of EIF's warehouse. Drive down North Shore Drive until you see the Volunteer Center Sign. There are two parking lots you can choose from, one in front of the Volunteer Center and a gravel one on the north side.

When: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 from 4:00-7:00 pm (1-hour blocks)
Eastern Illinois Foodbank Volunteer Center
Where: 2405 North Shore Drive
Urbana, IL 61802
Signup: <https://www.mobilize.us/eifoodbank/event/604878/>

Land of Lincoln PETS Community Service Project

[The Land of Lincoln President-Elect Training Seminar \(PETS\)](#), which includes our Rotary District 6490, has a community service project to support the work of [Enduring Freedom Ministries](#) in Effingham County. Rotary Clubs including ours are participating by collecting the following types of non-perishable food items:

- Canned Soup and Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Tuna
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Crackers
- Other dry/canned foods.

Please plan to bring donations to a Rotary meeting by March 11. President-Elect **Doug Nelson** will deliver collected items to the PETS event on March 16.

Enduring Freedom Ministries is a non-profit, Christian organization in Shumway that provides free services to the community, including groceries, a soup kitchen, clothing, a hair salon and barbershop, a laundromat, and Christmas gifts for pre-K-12 students.

March Cup: PACE, Inc.

Our March charity cup collection supports [PACE, Inc. Center for Independent Living](#). PACE is a disability service organization dedicated to ensuring the full participation of people with disabilities in all spheres of society. It serves the East-Central Illinois counties of Champaign, Douglas, Edgar, Piatt, and Vermillion. (Source: [PACE, Inc.](#))

[Make a cup donation here.](#)



Students of the Quarter: Judah Christian High School

Congratulations to the Students of the Quarter from Judah Christian High School.

- **Emmanuel Hairston** was recognized for Athletics.
- **Ava Carder** was recognized for Activities.
- **Grace Maxwell** was recognized for Academics.



Duty Roster

	March 4, 2024	March 11, 2024
Greeters	John Calderon Sandra Calderon	Robert Freeman Pat Kovar
Reflection	Robert Freeman	Jeff Fullilove
Introducer	Scott Dahman	Nathan Montgomery
Zoom Greeter	TBD	TBD
Room Setup	Lee Ann Kelly	TBD